Robert Kennedy Was Killed Because He Planned New Probe of JFK's Death, Says Top Lawyer-Pathologist

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Robert F. Kennedy was killed because he would have reopened the investigation into the death of his brother, President John F. Kennedy, an outstanding medical-legal expert asserts.

In an exclusive statement to The ENQUIRER, Dr. Cyril H. Wecht, president of the American College of Legal Medicine and consultant to the Los Angeles authorities in the death of Senator Robert Kennedy, declared:

"I do not believe Senator Kennedy was satisfied with the official verdict on his brother's death.

"If Senator Kennedy had lived and become President, I feel he would have done something from the White House to probe his brother's death further, and I think that is one of the large reasons why the senator was killed."

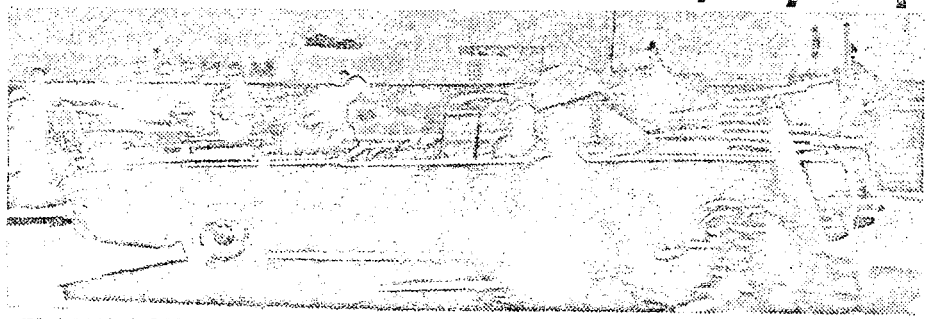
Dr. Wecht, a leading pathologist and lawyer who is critical of the Warren Commission report on the President's death, explained to The ENQUIRER:

Dr. CYRIL H. WECHT

"I believe the evidence shows conclusively that Lee Harvey Oswald was not the lone assassin of John Kennedy, that the assassination was the work of a conspiracy, and that the Central Intelligence Agency — the CIA — was definitely involved."

The doctor, who is also research professor of law at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa., and coroner for the city of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, said that two vital questions surrounding the President's death still remain, nine years later, and that the government deliberately prevents them from being answered.

One is whether the President was shot only by Oswald, as the Warren report stated. "Lee Harvey Oswald was above, behind and to the right of the President. But the most accurate filming of the shooting (taken by onlooker Abraham Zapruder) shows that unquestionably the President's body moved backward and to the left immediately upon impact of the bullet or bullets. It seems almost impossible to me that there would not have been some forward movement if the bullet had been fired by Oswald.



FLASHBACK to assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963.

"Another very big point is the matter of the 'single bullet' theory of the Warren Commission. They tell us that one bullet passed through two bodies, the President's and Texas Governor John Connally's, that it did all that damage, and that particles of it were left in both bodies. Yet the bullet was not significantly deformed. I have never encountered a bullet that could do that."

Dr. Wecht, who has just completed an inspection of items from the autopsy of the late President in the National Archives — he is the first critic of the official report on the death to be allowed to see them — further charged that vital items of evidence are still missing from the archives.

The preserved brain of the President and microscope slides of tissues from his wounds have been withheld somewhere, he said, although these items could settle whether the wounds resulted from shots from the rear.

"The more one analyzes the way the autopsy itself was handled, the more one sees that the government's handling of the case was full of irregularities. One of the big problems with the Warren investigation is that all the information was screened first by the FBI and the Secret Service. Then they arbitrarily selected their witnesses.

"What we know about the assassination today was uncovered mostly by private citizens who spent their own time and money to learn the truth.

"I'm disturbed that the American public has been deceived and that we're treated like children."

Dr. Wecht was especially caustic regarding the role of the CIA. "The more I see of the operations of the CIA people the more I'm convinced they're capable of anything. We know that they have been directly involved in political assassinations and other serious crimes in various nations.

"They're like something out of a James Bond movie. These people have a license to kill.

"I believe the CIA was involved with the President's assassination and I think it was probably in conjunction with the way-out fringe of the political right wing."

He stated his belief that the Dallas policeman killed by Oswald after the President was shot, J.D. Tippett, had himself been assigned to kill Oswald.

Tippett was not in his regular area when he encountered Oswald, Dr. Wecht claimed. He had not been ordered to the locale where he found Oswald, and he had not called in to report he was leaving his regular area.

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